

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph 1, page 2 (lines 2-10).

Q1 The aforementioned and related drawbacks associated with conventional system state display devices are substantially reduced or eliminated by the present invention. The present invention is directed to a system and method for displaying system state information. The system of the present invention includes a programmable controller operative to determine the present system state of a system, the programmable controller operative to determine the present system state of the system, the programmable controller providing a signal representative of system state₁ ; a driver operative to generate a control signal in response to the signal provided by the programmable controller₁ ; and a display device operative to provide a visual representation of the state of the system in response to the control signal.

Paragraph 3, page 2 (lines 18-22).

Q2 The method of operating the display system of the present invention, comprises the steps of providing event signals representative of the condition of the system to the controller₁ ; generating signals representative of system state in response to the event signals₁ ; and displaying a visual representation of the information representing system state in response to signals generated by the programmable controller.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the enclosed Substitute Abstract for the original Abstract.